**Introduction to the Liturgical Resources**

Worship is integral to the identity of the Christian community. Through it we express our heart and service to the Lord.

For us Anglicans, liturgy offers form to our worship often through the retelling of the drama of God’s redemption acts. The liturgical resources in this section seek to aid worship planning around the theme of racial reconciliation and unity centered in the redeeming Gospel of Christ, demonstrating through worship the catholic nature of His Kingdom on earth.

In worship, God encounters us and shapes us for His mission. The Bible says in Acts 13:2, *While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them*.”

Through our worship, we bear witness to the world. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 14:23-25 of how an ordered service can impact an engaged inquirer or even unbeliever through the witness it bears.

Times like those we have seen recently in the racial tension in our land often come with pastoral challenges. Shepherding the flock of Christ in a way that reflects, and molds us further in, the culture of the Kingdom is a primary task for us ministers. One avenue to do this is through worship with the handles of liturgy.

From the early pages of Scripture to its closing chapters, God’s love for all of humanity is manifested for all tribes, cultures, and peoples. As we lead within a broken world, we may often find ourselves desiring the tools to aid us in worship planning that reflect and express these truths.

The resources in this section include such materials as:

1. A sample liturgy with the theme of Racial Reconciliation & Unity Centered in the Gospel
2. A sample liturgy of lament in the face of racial and social injustice
3. Options for liturgical parts of a worship service that may speak to justice, reconciliation, racial unity. These include elements such as prayers of intercession, collects, confessions, etc. Even when the entire service is not about this theme, adapting a particular aspect of the service with any of these elements can be something to consider.

More materials will be added to this resource section with time.

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